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FRANCESCO VISINONI)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
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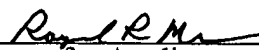
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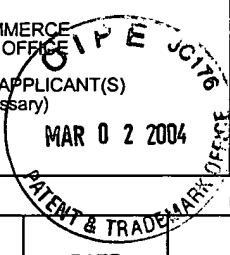
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